

In the Claims

Claims 1 - 15 (Cancelled)

16. (New) An apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens comprising a plug that comprises at least one connecting means such that, after interlocking with the apparatus, access to contents of the apparatus necessarily brings about a physical transformation that is irreversible and can be ascertained by the naked eye of the container, and not of the plug.

17. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the plug and container can be interlocked at any moment at the will of the user.

18. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the connecting means is integral with the apparatus.

19. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the connecting means is a divisible clamp.

20. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the physical transformation is a rupture or tear of the connecting means.

21. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein interlocking of the apparatus is made by irreversibly driving the container into the apparatus.

22. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the apparatus and the container are made of different materials.

23. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the apparatus is composed of a material that allows engraving an indelible and unitary identification.

24. (New) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the apparatus is composed of a material that allows reading of the elevated engraving.

25. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the connecting means is a tongue that can be integrated in a definitive and non-replaceable manner with the apparatus and the plug.

26. (New) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein integration of the tongue is carried out with an adhesive band that can not be violated by tearing.

27. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, wherein integration of the tongue is carried out by welding.

28. (New) The apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a housing that allows insertion of a physical element containing at least one piece of information associated with the contents.

29. (New) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein insertion is carried out without masking the identification engraving and in an irreversible manner.

30. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein insertion is carried out without masking the identification engraving and in an irreversible manner.

31. (New) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein insertion is carried out in an irreversible manner.

32. (New) An apparatus for securing containers for receiving and preserving biological specimens comprising a plug that comprises at least one connector such that, after interlocking with the apparatus, access to contents of the apparatus necessarily brings about a physical transformation that is irreversible and can be ascertained by the naked eye of the container, and not of the plug.